

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 7th 2001**

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## **Mayo Radio Experimenters Network**

The AGM of Mayo REN will be held on Wednesday October 3rd at 8.30pm in the Wishing Well Ballyvary on the N5. All radio enthusiasts are invited.

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## **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society**

The AGM of the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society was held last Tuesday. The Club would like to express it's thanks to all members and friends who attended. The following are the Committee for 2001: President; Gene Larkin EI3K, Chairman; Thos Caffrey EI2JD, Secretary; James MI5AHG, Treasurer; Aidan Noone EI7JC, QSL Manager; Seamus GI4SZW and P.R.O; Tony Allen EI4DIB.

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## **DX News**

Paul EI2CA, is currently qrv from the U.S. Virgin Islands using the call KP2/EI2CA. He is particularly keen to work EI stations on 40, 80 and 160 metres. He will be on 15 metres this evening with a view to making LF band skeds for tomorrow morning. Look for him on 21.230 MHz. at 1900utc this evening or 7.080 MHz tomorrow morning at 0630utc. Paul says conditions on 40 are really good and he will hear you even if you are running low power to a dipole.

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## **Tir Conaill Amateur Radio Society**

The Tir Conaill Amateur Radio Society held it's AGM in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey on Wednesday the 26th of September 2001. The meeting was well attended and there was a review of the years activities and the following committee were elected: President; Frank McCarron EI6EI, Chairman; Danny Bonner EI6GS, Secretary; Leo McGranaghan EI6IT, Treasurer; Joe Arnold EI1318, Assistant Treasurer; Martin Gillespie EI8GP and IRTS representative; Martin Gillespie EI8GP. The club meet in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey on the last Wednesday of each month at 9 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

The Limerick Radio Club will resume their Club meetings on Thursday the 11th of October at 1930 hrs. They will be meeting in the Institute of Technology, Moylish in room 8A106. All are welcome. The club will be discussing the year's events, any suggestions can be e-mailed in advance to the Chairman, Paul Kirkby EI6FE at [ei6fe@eircom.net](mailto:ei6fe@eircom.net). The Limerick Radio Club are also pleased to announce that on Thursday the 8th of November the President of the IRTS, Dave Moore EI4BZ will be addressing the meeting. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting, as this is a rare opportunity to meet the President of the national society.

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## **Cork Radio Club**

There will be a talk at Cork Radio Club on Monday the 8th of October by Mrs. Barbara O'Meara on "Using Early Computers".

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## **AO-40**

ANS is pleased to report that the GPS experiment on AO-40 has undergone successful testing. This experiment supplied and sponsored by NASA, is to determine if it is possible to get positional data outside of the GPS ring of satellites. There are two GPS receivers on AO-40, the A receiver for receiving signals around apogee and the B receiver for signal reception around perigee. Both receivers are operational, and Data is passed from the receivers through the RUDAK to the S-band transmitter.

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## **Euro Changeover**

The ODTR issued a letter to all EI amateurs announcing the new charges for Amateur licenses effective from the 1st October 2001. The license renewal will be rounded down from 8 punts to 10 Euro. This is a reduction of 16 cents or 12 pence.

The Director of consumer affairs has issued a national code on Euro changeover. Businesses which sign up to this code of fair practice are listed on the ODCA website at [www.odca.ie](http://www.odca.ie) and are given a logo to display at their premises. Dual pricing started on the 1st of October and lasts until the 31st of March next.

The following converted fee structure is now applicable to Radio Experimenter Licenses: 1st Year Fee 12 euros, Subsequent Years 10 euros and Special Examinations 12 euros.

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Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4353853 in the evenings or at 021-4823172 during office hours. Items can be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net and you can fax him at 021-4354113.

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Items for inclusion in the Radio News should also be forwarded to Dave Moore, EI4BZ of next week. Mark, EI7IS will resume as radio news editor the following week.

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